



SWORN STATEMENT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states under oath that the following are the names and street addresses of every person, corporation, or association sponsoring the Initiative Petition to consider a statute to affirm the sovereign right of Native American tribal governments to conduct gaming on Indian lands for economic and community development purposes:

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>March</u>, 2006.

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INITIATIVE PETITION (STATUTE)

OBJECT STATEMENT: TO AFFIRM THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO CONDUCT GAMING ON INDIAN LANDS FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES

A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to gaming by Indian tribes; to amend section 9-1,106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to describe gaming permitted; to waive sovereign immunity; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 9-1,106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

- 9-1,106 (1) Upon request of an Indian tribe having jurisdiction over Indian lands in Nebraska, the Governor or his or her designated representative or representatives shall, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710 of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, negotiate with such Indian tribe in good faith for the purpose of entering into a tribal-state compact governing the conduct of Class III gaming as defined in the act. For purposes of 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(1)(B), Class III gaming permitted includes any Class III gaming allowed, as of the date compact negotiations are first requested, by any state adjoining Nebraska. A compact which is negotiated pursuant to this section shall be executed by the Governor without ratification by the Legislature.
- (2) It shall be the policy of this state that any compact negotiated pursuant to this section shall (a) protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and (b) promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government.
- (3) Such compact negotiations shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of 25 U.S.C. 2710 of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
- (4) The State of Nebraska hereby waives its sovereign immunity to civil suit brought by any federally recognized tribal government having administrative headquarters in Nebraska as of January 1, 2006, to enforce the provisions of this section or any provision of 25 U.S.C. 2710.
- (5) If any part of this section is rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative action, then the remaining parts of this section are severable and shall survive to the extent they can be given effect.

Section 2. Original section 9-1,106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.